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**Colonel Vincent V. Quarles**  
**Commander**  
**Afghanistan Engineer District - South**

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Colonel Vincent V. Quarles became the Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Afghanistan Engineer District-South (AED-South) on July 12, 2012. The District, based on Kandahar Airfield, is a 400-person engineering, design and construction management organization with a nearly \$2 billion contracting program in fiscal year 2012 and anticipating a \$700 million contracting program in fiscal year 2013. The district has roughly \$3 billion in projects under construction.

As Commander, Colonel Quarles is responsible for ensuring that AED-South provides quality and timely construction and engineering operations in the NATO ISAF (International Security Assistance Force) South, Southwest, and West Regional Commands in support of the U.S. Forces-Afghanistan (USFOR-A) mission. AED-South also oversees sustainable development projects that employ the populace, build skilled human capital, and promote stability. In addition, Colonel Quarles commands Task Force Breshna Barq, a special task force charged with providing engineering and construction services to support projects for the Southern Electrical Power System in the Kandahar and Helmand provinces.

Colonel Quarles's previous assignment was as Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chicago District, which executed more \$322 million in Civil Works programs during his tenure (July 2008 – June 2011).

He began his military service in 1980 as a Cannon Fire Direction Specialist, Battery C, 113th Field Artillery Battalion, Virginia Army National Guard, while attending high school in his hometown of Halifax. He received an early commission as a Field Artillery Officer in 1986 and served as the Battery Fire Direction Officer.

His previous active duty military assignments include 8th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas where he served as Sapper Platoon Leader, Assault and Obstacle Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Battalion Maintenance Officer during operations Desert Shield and Storm. He served with the 82nd Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, Bamberg, Germany, as an Assistant Operations Officer, Battalion Logistics Officer, and Commander of Company from 1992 to 1995. Colonel Quarles served as an assistant professor and Department XO of Civil and Mechanical Engineering at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. from 1997-1999. In 2000, he was assigned to the Engineer Brigade, 3ID, Fort Stewart, Georgia.

Colonel Quarles deployed to Bosnia Herzegovina as the Brigade Operations Officer (Forward) and upon his return from in 2001, he became the Executive Officer, 10th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division. He deployed to Iraq in 2003, as the Engineer Brigade XO in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In August 2003, he assisted with transitioning the Engineer Brigade, 3ID into 4th Brigade, 3ID to include activating and assuming command of 4-3 Brigade Troops Battalion, 3ID.

Other assignments include a deployment in support of OIF in 2005 and upon returning from Iraq, he was charged with managing a budget exceeding \$1.2 billion as the Mobility Team Chief (2006 – 2008), Dominant Maneuver Division of Force Development, Army G-8 staff in the Pentagon.

Colonel Quarles earned a bachelor's degree from Norfolk State University in 1987 and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from North Carolina State University in 1997. His military education includes Command and General Staff College in 1999 and a Master of Science degree in national resource strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Force in 2012.

His awards and decorations include a Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (3), Meritorious Service Medal (3), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Army Staff Badge, and other various awards.

Colonel Quarles is married and has two children.